

year in and year out the finest melons, one has to grow certain melons for seed entirely, that is the first two fruits from some selected plants should always be retained for future seed producers, for when one simply takes the ordinary melons, the strain very soon runs out and the quality gets worse and worse every year. They also admit that a slight difference in soil and location has very much to do with quality and that seeds from melons that were good in one locality produce inferior melons in another locality only a few miles away." (Meyer's introductions.) Thirteen varieties cultivated locally, and varying in color of flesh, size, shape and quality of fruit. For distribution later.

*Cucumis sativa*. (Cucurbitaceae.) 35643-644. Seeds of cucumbers from Laoling, Shantung, China. "Rare varieties of cucumbers said to be of local origin, growing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length, and always trained on trellises made from sorghum stems, so as to prevent the fruits from touching the ground. May do well in semi-arid regions." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

*Cydonia cathayensis*. (Malaceae.) 35639. Seeds of quince from Tsinanfu, Shantung, China. "A Chinese quince, the fruits of which are used by the better classes of Chinese as room perfumers. These fruits can easily be kept throughout the winter until late in spring. Some foreign missionaries have learned how to make preserves and jellies from these quinces, though the meat is quite woody. This Chinese quince grows into a tall shrub and it might perhaps be profitable to grow it in the mild wintered sections of the United States, so as to supply the Chinese colonies in America with one of their favorite fruits. The American people themselves may also come to like these fruits for the strong, pleasant aroma they produce." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

*Glycine hispida*. (Fabaceae.) 35622-628. Seeds of soybeans from Tsinanfu and Tientsin, China. Seven varieties, some used for producing bean sprouts, others for beancurd, sauce, in soups, and roasted and salted similar to salted almonds. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

*Juglans regia*. (Juglandaceae.) 35610-613. Seeds of walnuts from Tsinanfu and Peking, China. Four varieties, three from the mountains northwest of Peking, the other from the semi-arid region around Tsinanfu. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.